

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Amherst Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 P.M. on July 7, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 South Main Street. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on various proposed revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance that include the following:

§18.1-901: Establish solar panel setbacks and size limits and revise rules for satellite dishes.

§18.1-906: Establish standards for streets and driveways inside a “multifamily” (apartment or condominium) complex.

§18.1-919: Clarify that VDOT’s “527” traffic impact study regulations are effective in the Town.

§18.1-920: Adjust landscaping requirements for commercial developments.

§18.1-1011: Clarify application deadlines for plats and site plans.

§18.1-1102: Establish an expiration date for site plan approvals.

§18.1-1103: Clarify the administration of site plans for large residences being converted to businesses

§18.1-1402: Eliminate the variance hardship requirement per the change to Sec. 15.2-2309 of the Code of Virginia that removed the “approaching confiscation” clause and other updates per the Code of Virginia.

Chapter 18.1; Table 7.1: Allow day care facilities in R: 1, R: 2, R: 3 and R: 4 districts by special use permit; allow "retail uses not specifically delineated" by right in commercial zones but require all items offered for retail to be under roof or outside materials screened; and clarify "contractor" uses – i.e. outside storage of materials or equipment, parking lots, etc.

Chapter 18.1; Articles XII and XIII: Update subdivision regulations.

A copy of the full proposal can be viewed online at www.amherstva.gov and in the Town Hall during normal working hours.